

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 13, line 12, and ending at page 14, line 4, as follows:

In the floating caliper type disc brake in accordance with the invention, particularly in the floating caliper type disc brake ~~claim 4~~ according to one aspect of the present invention, pressed-side shim plates are respectively retained by those surfaces (reverse surfaces) of back plates of the pair of pads which are located away from a rotor side, pressing-side shim plates are respectively retained by pressing sides of the claw portion and the piston, and each of the pressed-side shim plates and each of the pressing-side shim plates are slidably abutted against each other.

In addition, in the floating caliper type disc brake according to ~~claim 9~~ another aspect of the present invention, pressed-side shim plates are respectively fixed to or retained by those surfaces (reverse surfaces) of back plates of the pair of pads which are located away from a rotor side, pressing-side shim plates are respectively fixed to or retained by pressing sides of the claw portion and the piston (e.g., are respectively fixed to the pressing sides of the claw portion and the piston by bonding), and each of the pressed-side shim plates and each of the pressing-side shim plates are slidably abutted against each other.

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 14, line 7, and ending at page 14, line 18, as follows:

Fig. 1 is a partially cutaway view, taken from an outside diameter side, of a floating caliper type disc brake in accordance with a first reference example ~~of the reference examples~~ of the invention.

~~Fig. 2 is~~ Figs. 2(a) to 2(c) are half side views ~~respectively~~ illustrating three examples of the shape of a guide pin.

Fig. 3 is a schematic view [[,]] taken along line A – A in Fig. 1 [[, of]] showing a state in which a caliper is swung and displaced in conjunction with the deformation of a rotor.

Fig. 4 is a view illustrating a second reference example ~~of the reference examples~~ of the invention and similar to Fig. 1.

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 17, line 21, and ending at page 18, line 4, as follows:

In implementing the invention, preferably ~~as stated in claims 2 and 10~~, in the floating caliper type disc brake ~~according to claim 1 or 9~~, each of the plurality of guide pins has, at its each opposite end portion in the axial direction of the rotor, a first diameter portion having a clearance of a predetermined dimension or more with respect to the guide hole in which the guide pin is fitted, and at least one of the guide pins has, in its intermediate portion in the axial

direction of the rotor, a second diameter portion whose diameter is larger than that of the first diameter portion.